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IN A BLOOD COLLECTION TUBE*

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks set forth below.

DO NOT ENTER
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